

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 10, 12 - 14, and 22 are currently presented in the application (and are reprinted herewith for convenience of the Examiner).

I. Information Disclosure Statement

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2006 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") states that the name of the patentees for two references on the IDS filed May 22, 2006 were incorrect. Actually, typographical errors were made in the patent numbers of these references. A new Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith, where these errors are corrected. Applicant apologizes for these errors, and thanks the Examiner for her consideration.

II. Double-Patenting Rejection

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action states that Claims 1 - 10, 12 - 14, and 22 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 - 4, 9, and 12 of U. S. Patent 7,012,528 to Mathewson, II et al. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this double-patenting rejection.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action states that Claims 1 - 10, 12 - 14, and 22 would be allowable upon the timely filing of a terminal disclaimer. As noted above, a terminal disclaimer is

submitted herewith and accordingly, these claims are deemed allowable.

IV. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejected claims, withdrawal of all presently outstanding rejections, and allowance of all remaining claims at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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